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SUBJECT:PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS - REMARKS DURING PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S PRIVATE SESSION WITH PRESIDENT LOSONCZI FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS WE SUGGEST A BASICALLY UPBEAT AND POSITIVE LINE STRESSING THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS AND HUNGARIAN PERFORMANCE IN IMPLEMENTING THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. SPECIFIC POINTS WHICH AMBASSADOR SHOULD RAISE FOLLOW:

2. BILATERAL RELATIONS - IN RECENT YEARS US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED SUBSTANTIALY AND WE WISH THIS TREND TO CONTINUE. WE ARE PLEASED BY THE HUNGARIAN ACTION RESOLVING ALL OUTSTANDING DEBT ARREARAGE TO THE
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USG. WE BELIEVE THE CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AGREEMENT SIGNED IN BUDAPEST IN APRIL WILL BE AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR INCREASING CONTACTS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND HUNGARIAN PEOPLE - AND WE HOPE TO CONCLUDE THE WORKING PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. AN IMPORTANT MEANINGFUL EXCHANGE OF VISITS HAS TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN OUR SENIOR OFFICIALS AND WE HOPE THIS WILL CONTINUE AND

EXPAND.

3. CSCE - OUR ONGOING DIALOG ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT HAS SERVED BOTH TO ADVANCE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GOALS ESTABLISHED IN HELSINKI. WE APPRECIATE THE FORTHCOMING MANNER IN WHICH HUNGARY HAS DEALT WITH THE COMMITMENTS WE HAVE ALL UNDERTAKEN AT HELSINKI.

4. FAMILY REUNIFICATION - THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THE CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE GREAT CONCERN FOR CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS SEPARATED BY NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS PROBLEM IN A FRANK MANNER AND WE ARE PLEASED BY THE POSITIVE HUMANITARIAN SPIRIT WITH WHICH THE GOH IS DEALING WITH THE CASES OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES.

5. MFN AND TRADE - WE SHARE A COMMON DESIRE TO EXPAND OUR BILATERAL TRADE. WE RECOGNIZE THE HUNGARIAN EFFORTS IN THIS RESPECT, AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE OPENING OF THE NEW YORK REPRESENTATION OFFICE IN THE NATIONAL BANK AND THE NOVEMBER HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC DAYS. WE HAVE BEGUN USEFUL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF OUR TRADE ACT. THE VISIT OF MR. NYERGES IN JUNE AND DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA IN SEPTEMBER
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ARE MOST HELPFUL IN CLARIFYING TECHNICAL TRADE PROBLEMS.

6. THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN - HUNGARY'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN ARE WELL KNOWN AND UNDERSTOOD IN WASHINGTON.

7. USG PROPERTY PROBLEMS IN BUDAPEST - WE WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT, WHEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT SENT A TEAM TO BUDAPEST LAST MONTH FULLY EMPOWERED TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS OF USG PROPERTY IN BUDAPEST, THE HUNGARIAN SIDE WAS UNPREPARED TO TABLE A NEGOTIATING POSITION OR TO ENTER INTO MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED A RESPONSE BY OCTOBER AND LOOK FORWARD TO CLEARING UP THIS COMPLEX ISSUE JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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